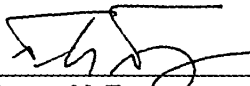


CONCLUSION

The filing fee for the divisional application was calculated based on the status of the claims after entry of this Preliminary Amendment. This Preliminary Amendment increases the number of independent claims by one (1), from three (3), to four (4), but does not present any multiple dependency claims. A Transmittal Letter, in duplicate, is being filed concurrently herewith authorizing the excess claims fee to be charged to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Any fee required by this document other than the issue fee, and not submitted herewith, should be charged to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Any refund should be credited to the same account.

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